

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

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MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2020
Video Conference Meeting

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 15th at approximately 12:05 p.m., President Don Cameron presiding.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Don Cameron
Bryce Lundberg
Ashley Boren
Andrew Thulin

Nancy Casady
Joy Sterling
Mike Gallo
Martha Montoya

Rachelle Arizmendi
Donald Bransford
Helene Dillard
Eric Holst

Absent:

Jeff Huckaby

Crystal Hayling

Christopher Valadez

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11th

Board member Ashley Boren moved to approve the minutes of the February 11th meeting. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote (12-0) carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Secretary Karen Ross provided a brief update to the Board. The update focused on current CDFA operations (telework), Emergency Support Function 11 (ESF 11) – Agriculture and Natural Resources, and critical infrastructure support. The Secretary also outlined federal funding opportunities available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). The update also included information on recent guidance issued to support the operations in the agricultural sector – critical infrastructure, farmers markets, and farm worker protections. The Secretary also highlighted CDFA's coronavirus website – www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus

The update concluded without formal action by the Board.

(5) REGIONAL UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

Members of the Board provided updates on the current situation in their respective regions. Key issues included: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) availability, broadband, water supply, dairy prices, availability of federal loans/resources, impact to small businesses, wholesale market challenges, academic planning (Fall), labor needs, and demand/supply of food.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) BOARD DISCUSSION – Farm to Family Program

The Board heard an update on the Farm to Family Program and current efforts underway to assist the sourcing of donations and contributions to food banks.

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were provided.

(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at approximately 1:21 p.m.